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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC Commissioner,

It is essential for both consumers and businesses to have affordable internet and phone access. In most places costs are already too high for many users, because competition is minimal and deregulation allows the corporations that do exist to charge too much. The last thing we need is any more deregulation--or mergers of these already giant corporations.

The country also needs continued competition to facilitate less costly ways to build more optic fiber networks.

People in many other nations have had access to these faster services for many years, and businesses there have an advantage over U.S. competitors--time saved is money saved.

I urge you to consider the important benefits that greater competition and lower prices provide to so many millions of people and enterprises, along with nonprofits and government agencies.

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